

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Dutch-Indonesian negotiations

a. The Dutch have agreed to our suggestion that discussions begin on March 20 near Washington. They have indicated that although Bunker would be acceptable, Black, Gross, or Boland would suit them somewhat better.

b. Subandrio is flying to Bali to lay the proposal before Sukarno and has promised the Indonesian answer later today. Embassy Djakarta looks for a favorable reply on the arrangements.

c. The Hague remains troubled by reports it has received concerning a planned Indonesian military move against West New Guinea sometime in April, and a fairly substantial minority within the government is still in favor of reinforcing the Dutch positions. We believe from our evidence that a large-scale action is not yet within Djakarta's means, but a sizeable infiltration movement could be attempted at any moment.

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2. Berlin corridors:
Soviets introduce
further variant

a. Today's Soviet flights are scheduled to take place after dark for the first time. The flight plans filed yesterday call for four flights, two out and two in, in the northern corridor between 8 and 9 PM, Berlin time (2 and 3 this afternoon, Washington time.) For the third day in a row they are to be within the time and altitude spans of scheduled Western commercial flights. Flight plans filed this morning for tomorrow, 3 in and 3 out along the southern corridor, revert to the AM pattern.

b. There was more chaff-dropping yesterday but it was not close enough in to affect the Berlin control zone.

3. Restiveness in
Guatemala

Student demonstrators, who have been protesting alleged election frauds 3-months old, rioted yesterday in Guatemala City under prodding from a comparative handful of Communist agitators. Casualties were high after the police moved in but no fatalities have been reported. The outburst--with more in the offing--signals an intensified effort by the Communists, who are too weak to act alone, to provoke and ride along with non-Communist opposition to the Ydigoras government. Ydigoras is also in for some buffeting from the right which fears a rising leftist tide and he has not yet eliminated the guerrilla bands operating in the eastern part of the country.

4. Soviet space activity

a. The indications of an upcoming Soviet space attempt [redacted]

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[redacted] are now pointing toward another postponement. We have no clues to explain the on-again-off-again sequence. [redacted]

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[redacted] there were probably two earth satellite failures at the Kapustin Yar missile test range in the latter part of last year--on October 27 and December 21. Neither vehicle achieved orbit, as plainly intended in each case.

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5. Chinese Communists bargaining for Italian assistance for petroleum industry

A group representing Italy's state-owned petroleum agency, now in Peiping, is getting top-drawer attention and seems likely to reach an agreement for the supply of Italian equipment and technicians. Similar negotiations in the past have hung-up on Chinese refusal to accept Italian technical assistance, but the withdrawal of Soviet help in this area has apparently brought a change of heart.

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B. Quadros is scheduled to go on radio and television tomorrow for his first major statement since returning to Brazil. After he puts up some trial balloons there is likely to be more seclusion while he studies which way the winds are blowing.

C. The Honduran Communist Party is trying to build support for a general strike within the next few days, using the impasse in contract negotiations between the Standard Fruit Company and its Communist-dominated union as a springboard. A tough response by the government would be welcomed by the party leaders.

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D. The government of Guinea continues to show distinct interest in improving economic relations with the West. In meetings with US, UK, Italian and West German representatives last week in Conakry, Guinean officials made an unprecedentedly forceful pitch for private investment capital, indicating that the Touré government was planning "clarification" of nationalization policies in order to reduce investors' apprehensions.

E. Sarit has agreed to Ambassador Harriman's visit to Bangkok, beginning on the 21st, and has acknowledged that the upshot is meant to be joint Thai-US pressure on Phoumi.

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- G. President Lleras has ordered the Colombian military to go on the alert on the 18th of March because of a feared outbreak of Communist-inspired violence following the elections on that date.
- H. Soviet ambassador Dobrynin's schedule now calls for him to arrive in New York today.

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